(b) if so, the annual rate of increase in unemployment; and

(c) the likely annual rate of increase in unemployment during the next decade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Estimates of Employment and Unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) from time to time. As per the Surveys conducted during 1993-94 and 1999-2000, the unemployment rate which was of the order of 1.90% of the labour force in 1993-94 has gone up to around 2.23% of the labour force during 1999-2000 as per Usual Status Approach.

(c) The increase or decrease in the unemployment rate will depend upon the growth of the economy and special policy intervention made to create additional employments opportunities.

ESI Model Hospitals

859. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up ESI model hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many States have so far given their consent for setting up of ESI model hospitals; and

(d) by when Government are going to bring in a legislation before Parliament for setting up of the Employees States Insurance Corporation in order to improve the medical services delivery system under the ESI Scheme in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ESI Corporation has decided in principle to set up one Model Hospital in each State. Details are given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan have given consent for setting up Model Hospitals in their States.

(d) The ESIC has already been set up by Government of India through the ESI Act, 1948. Hence, there is no need for any fresh legislation.

Statement

Proposed Existing ESI Hospitals Conversion into Model Hospital

Sl. No.	State	Hospitals Proposed by ESIC	Hospitals Proposed by State Govt.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Nacharam 200 beds	Nacharam 200 beds
2.	Assam	Beltola 50 beds	Response awaited
3.	Jharkhand	Ranchi 50 beds	Ranchi 50 beds
4.	Goa	Margao 50 beds	Response awaited
5.	Gujarat	Baroda 200 beds	Bapu Nagar Ahmedabad 600 beds
6.	Haryana	Initially, Ballabhgarh 200 beds. Later changed to new hospital at Gurgaon of 100 beds	Ballabhgarh 200 beds
7.	Himachal Pradesh	Parwanoo 50 beds	Parwanoo 50 beds
8.	Karnataka	Indiranagar 300 beds	Rajajinagar 500 beds
9.	Kerala	Ernakulam 65 beds	Udyogmandal 155 beds
10.	Orissa	Rourkela 50 beds	Rourkela 50 beds
11.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry 75 beds	Response awaited
12.	Punjab	Jalandhar 100 beds	Mandigobindgarh 50 beds
13.	Rajasthan	Jaipur 236 beds	Jaipur 236 beds
14.	Uttar Pradesh	Sahibabad 100 beds	Pandu Nagar 312 beds
15.	Bihar	Phulwari Sharif 50 beds	Response awaited

Note: In States of Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh where ESI Corporation is already running hospitals cum Occupational Diseases Centres directly, the same will be further upgraded as Model Hospitals in consultation with State Government.